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SUBJECT: DAILY MAIL - THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1976

A. LETTERS

- 1. DAVID ROCKEFELLER WROTE SAYING THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION WILL HOLD ITS FIRST PLENARY SESSION IN NORTH AMERICA IN OTTAWA FROM MAY 9 TO 11. THE COMMISION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THEIR DINNER WITH YOU A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO WAS THE HIGH POINT OF THEIR WASHINGTON MEETINGS, AND THEY HOPE YOU WILL MEET AGAIN WITH THEM AFTER THEIR OTTAWA MEETING. ALMOST ANY TIME ON MAY 12 BREAKFAST, MORNING, LUNCH, AFTERNNON, OR DINNER WOULD BE FEASIBLE. THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE SOME 35 OR 40 PARTICIPANTS.
- 2. YOU RECEIVED A CABLE FROM SENATOR EDWARD BROOKE IN WHICH HE STATES HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO OBLIGATE 10 MILLION DOLLARS OF SECURITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ZAIRE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE

CONTINUING RESOLUTION. SEN. BROOKE FURTHER STATES THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS PREVIOUSLY ENTERED AN OBJECTION TO FUNDING ZAIRE UNDER THIS AUTHORITY AND HE BELIEVES THE OBJECTION IS STILL VALID AND FEELS THE

QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE FOR ZAIRE CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE PRESENT ANGOLAN CRISIS. SEN. BROOKE SAID THAT INEVITABLY A DECISION BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO OBLIGATE FUNDS FOR ZAIRE WITHOUT FULL DISCUSSION AND FINAL ACTION BY THE CONGRESS ON THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, WHICH WOULD, IN TURN, CAUSE A FURTHER DETERIORATION IN EXECUTIVE-CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS IN THE CRUCIAL AREA OF FOREIGN POLICY.

3. CONG. JACK BROOKS WROTE THAT ON DEC. 24, 1975 HE ADVISED YOU THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WAS CONTINUING ITS REVIEW OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE EVACUATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. AND THAT THEY HAD SCHEDULED A HEARING ON THIS SUBJECT FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1976, IN ROOM 2154 OF THE RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BLDG., AT 10:00 AM AND THAT THEY DESIRED TO HAVE PRESENT BEFORE THEM FORMER AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN TO INFORM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THESE MATTERS. CONG. BROOKS FURTHER STATES MORE THAN THREE WEEKS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THIS LETTER AND HE HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM YOU AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN EXPECT AMBASSADOR MARTIN . CONG. BROOKS SAID HE HOPES IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO SUBPOENA AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PUBLIC'S WORK.

B. SOCIAL INVITATIONS

NO SOCIAL INVITATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE SECRETARY TODAY.

C. TELEPHONE CALLS

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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI CALLED TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS CONVERSATION RE THE BEST HOSPITAL FOR MRS. KISSINGER. HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH DR. KURZNER, A LEADING GASTRO SURGEON AT THE UNIV. OF CHICAGO WHO SAID BETHESDA NAVAL AND MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL WERE HIS FIRST CHOICES. HE INDICATED MAYO WAS ANOTHER GOOD ONE AND, OF COURSE, CHICAGO WAS VERY GOOD. HE DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT PETER BRENT BRIGHAM

2. MICHAEL SAPERSTEIN OF THE INVESTMENT FIRM OF
BEAR, STEARNS CALLED AND ASKED US TO GIVE YOU HIS
PERSONAL REGARDS.
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